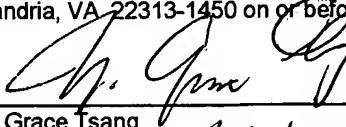




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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby request the entry of the attached drawings which were inadvertently omitted in the non-provisional application filed April 21, 2004.

Applicants filed a petition on August 23, 2004, maintaining that the application was complete on filing and entitled to a filing date because the application incorporated by reference the entire disclosure of a prior application.

The Office of Petition granted the petition for the reason that the present application is deemed to be an application that does not require drawings for an understanding of the invention. Accordingly, the application, as filed, was entitled to the filing date of April 21, 2004. It was suggested that prior to the first action on the merits,

petitioner should file a preliminary amendment requesting entry of the omitted drawings.

A copy of the Decision Granting Petition mailed September 23, 2004 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 1) Drawings Figures 1-7
- 2) Decision Granting Petition dated September 23, 2004